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- c. Coals: [redacted] coal is one of the country's most abundant minerals. [redacted] she has unlimited potential in both hard and soft coal /anthracite and bituminous/. The most important coal region of Rumania is the Valea Jiului in the Banat. Coal taken from this region is of an excellent quality containing a carbon content of 66 percent and better. The region around Targu-Carbunesti is richly endowed with lignite. [redacted] it is the largest producer of lignite in the entire country. [redacted] In the vicinity surrounding Targu-Carbunesti are a number of pit mines. [redacted] the most productive mine is located in the mountains outside the city. This mine engages solely in radial mining. Not generally known is the fact that the mountain side /location of the Carbunesti mine/ is primarily composed of carbon /lignite coal/. The manner in which these deposits exist is ideal for radial mining. Mining engineers of Rumania [redacted] seemed to agree that the Carbunesti region is most abundant in lignite. Should the Soviets decide to expand operations in search of coal this region would prove most useful. [redacted] Targu-Carbunesti [redacted] the Number 1 mine employed about eight hundred to one thousand miners. Approximately another 15 hundred workers were employed at smaller mines near Targu-Carbunesti.
- d. Gold: [redacted] since the USSR has engaged in monetary transactions involving gold as the medium for barter. She could use some of the unexploited deposits which are very heavy in Transylvania.
- e. Copper: This mineral was never seriously exploited in pre-World War II Rumania. Copper deposits could have easily satisfied the domestic needs of Rumanian industry. However, Rumanian industrialists chose to develop the oil potential of the country, almost ignoring copper exploitation. Consequently, there was no emphasis on copper exploitation until World War II had begun. [redacted] Baia-de-Araun [redacted] This sector of Transylvania has for years been considered extremely rich in copper deposits. [redacted] the USSR and Rumania have jointly concentrated in the mining of copper in this area. [redacted] a joint expedition (while in search of copper) discovered uranium deposits in northern Moldavia.

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